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SUBJECT: NYERERE RESPONSE TO CONTACT GROUP PRESENTATION

1. FIVE WESTERN AMBASSADORS MADE INSTRUCTED PRESENTATION
TO PRESIDENT NYERERE LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 16. AGREED REPORT
ON HIS REACTION FOLLOWS. MY COMMENTS SEPTTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF AGREED REPORT:

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--THE FIVE AMBASSADORS MET PRESIDENT NYERERE LATE THIS
AFTERNOON TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE ACCORDING TO OUR
INSTRUCTIONS.

--AFTER HAVING THANKED OUR MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR
THE PROMPT REPLY TO HIS MESSAGE OF JUNE 12, HE NOTED THAT
HE HAD HOPED THAT THE FIVE COULD GET A MORE POSITIVE REPLY

FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

--HOWEVER, IN CONTRAST WITH OUR LAST MEETING HE STRESSED THE TROOP LOCATION ISSUE AS THE IMPORTANT ONE AND HE DREW OUR INTENTION TO REPORTS EMANATING FROM ZAMBIA ON ALLEGED SOUTH AFRICAN ACTIVITIES IN THE CAPRIVI STRIP. HE REINFORCED THE POINT HE HAD MADE ABOUT THE CHANGED SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK ON CASSINGA. HE SAID THAT THE ATTACK WAS THE CAUSE FOR SWAPO'S REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF THE WESTERN PROPOSALS ON TROOP LOCATION. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN WORKING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SOUTH AFRICA REALLY INTENDED TO LEAVE NAMIBIA. THE FORMULATION ABOUT THE RESIDUAL TROOPS WAS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN FACE-SAVING AND THEREFORE THE RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT TO MOVE THEM TO THE SOUTH RAISED SUSPICION.

HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION THE QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY BUT GAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HIS POSITION HAS CHANGED.

-THE PRESIDENT SAID VERY CLEARLY THAT HE DID INDEED SEE SOME PROBLEMS TO MEET IN LUANDA SINCE THE FRONTLINE STATES HAD ONLY RECENTLY NEGOTIATED WITH SWAPO AND UNLESS THE FIVE COULD OBTAIN CONCESSIONS FROM SOUTH AFRICA, HE COULD NOT ADVISE HIS FRONTLINE COLLEAGUES TO TAKE PART IN A NEW MEETING IN LUANDA. IF THE WESTERN FIVE WANTED TO MEET NUJOMA, THEY COULD, BUT THEY WOULD RUN INTO TROUBLE BECAUSE NUJOMA WOULD QUARREL AND REOPEN THE WHOLE NEGOTIATIONS "THEY WILL BE BACK TO SQUARE
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ONE." HE THINKS THAT THE FIVE SHOULD BE A LITTLE FIRMER WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND REPEATED THAT HE HOPES FOR A BETTER RESPONSE FROM THE WESTERN FIVE. HE ALSO SAID "WE ARE VERY VERY CLOSE TO BRINGING THE MATTER BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL." HIS VOICE HAD A WARNING TONE BUT WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT HE MEANT.

--AS THE GROUP WAS LEAVING HE CALLED BACK THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER WHO ACTED AS SPOKESMAN OF THE FIVE AND POINTING TO THE SENTENCE OF OUR TEXT "NEVERTHELESS OUR FIVE MINISTERS BELIEVE THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND MEANS OF DEALING WITH THESE REMAINING AREAS OF DIFFICULTIES" SAID HE WOULD WANT TO HAVE INFORMATION ON WHAT THE SENTENCE MEANT BEFORE REPORTING TO HIS COLLEAGUES.
END AGREED TEXT. SPAIN

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